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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent:

AA United States Patent No. 4,833,618
AB United States Patent No. 4,752,950
AC United States Patent No. 4,540,849
AD United States Patent No. 4,059,727
AE United States Patent No. 3,899,639
AL European Application 0 516 403

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above References together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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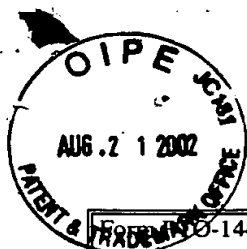
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